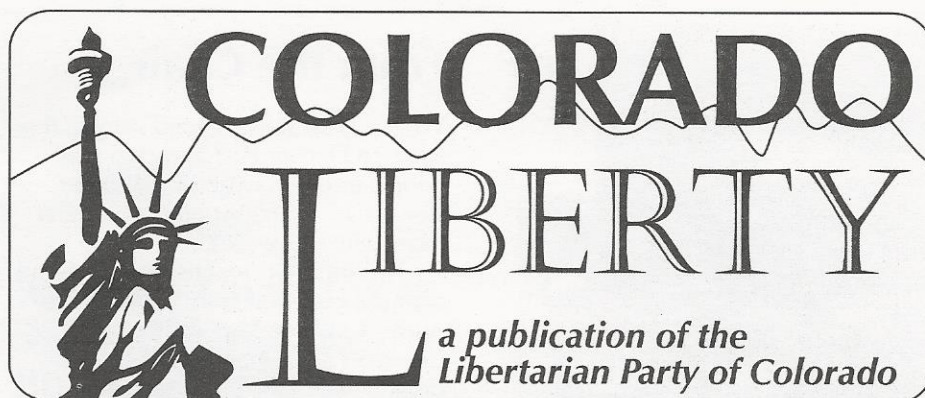


In This Issue

- *Libertarians convene in Estes Park's Stanley Hotel (below)*
- *From the Chair (page 2)*
- *Government Jury Tampering in Colorado Springs (page 5)*
- *Convention amends Constitution and By-Laws (page 6)*
- *Flood story (page 10)*



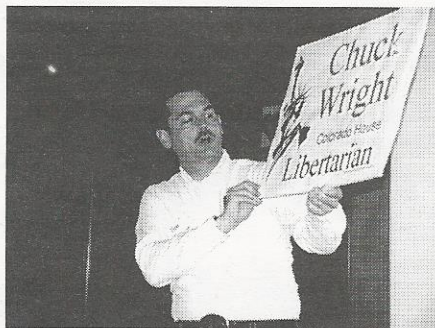
Volume XVIII, Number 3

May, 1997

Silver Bullets vs. Silver Buckshot

by Michael Cloud

How do we educate people, elect more Libertarians and roll back government? There is no silver bullet to "kill the werewolf" and create a more libertarian world. Some examples of "silver bullets" include finding a new country, everyone supporting a Libertarian's product, putting all our funds into one Congressional race, convincing many to accept



Newly elected Outreach Director Dan Cochran displays new campaign sign design.

the non-aggression axiom, jury nullification, starving the bureaucracy by reducing your taxes, and separating school and state.

"Silver buckshot" includes mission, management, marketing, members, and money.

Mission: For our mission we must define success in a measurable fashion. A campaign may not be winnable, but can it bring in new Libertarians or garner more press coverage?

Management: We need confidence in state leadership and in campaigns.

We need reliable, competent, trustworthy people with good judgment who get the job done, who file the election papers on time to get on the ballot, and so forth.



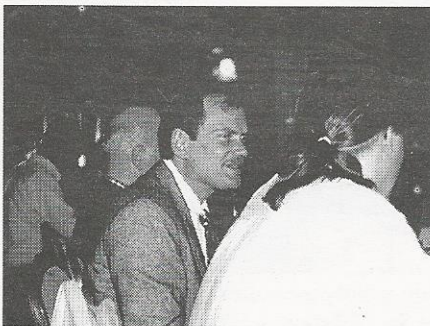
State Chair Sandra Johnson awards an overjoyed Cooper Jaeger for five years of yeoman service as Treasurer.

Marketing: We need to pay if we are to have advertising our way where we can present our message our way. "Free media" is not free when you consider the time involved in preparing a press release which may not result in a story, or may not result in our story. The media have their own agenda. Cloud's law: "The power to

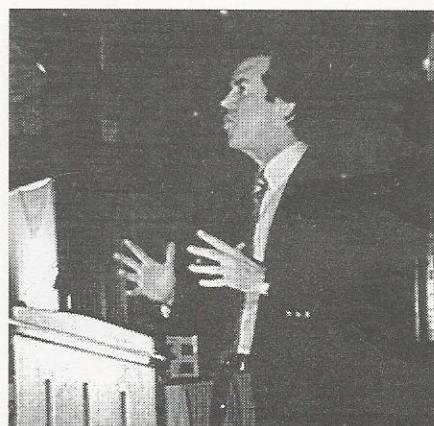
edit is the power to editorialize." Hence, the media cannot do our marketing, excepting talk radio and internet web sites which are very close to "free media."

Members: They are our key to success. The more members, the more fuel for optimism and energy for activism and more votes and the more likely it becomes to elect a Libertarian. Political party voting is like church going, and no matter how good the rabbi, a Baptist won't be going to a synagogue. Since most people do not vote across party lines, we need to appeal to those who have never voted and to independents. Libertarians generally do much better in non-partisan races.

Money: It won't solve all our problems. It is a "stupid master" but a "good servant." Money is necessary to get our message out and to fund campaigns.

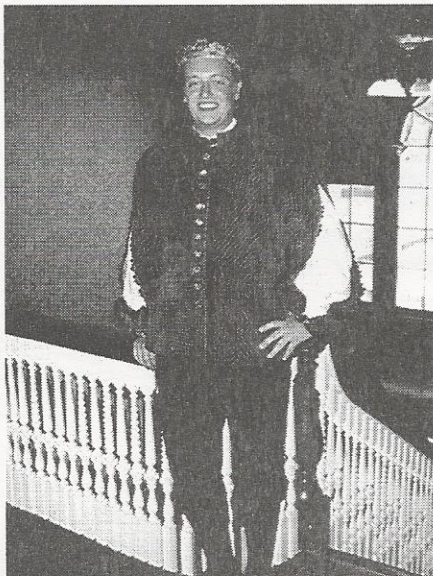


Ron Bain, Colorado Liberty editor emeritus, chats with Kevin Wilkerson during a break in conventionneering.



Michael Cloud presenting "The Silver Bullet vs. the Silver Buckshot" at the Libertarian Party of Colorado's convention April 18-20 1997.

A Convention that Shined



Prince Charming on the stairs of the Stanley Hotel



Michael Cloud with his mouth shut



Emotional reactions from the Women's Panel

From the Chair

What a great start! A good story in the April 18 Denver Post attracted new people to our convention. Another story in a local paper brought several more who just-walked in!

Two reporters wanted to talk to me after the convention for stories in the April 21 Denver Post and the April 25 Colorado Statesman. This is terrific progress over one year ago when there was *no* mention of our convention in any paper!

The convention offered a wide variety of speakers, as well as an opportunity to meet fellow Libertarians and get more enthusiastic. A woman's panel attracted a surprising number of men and many interesting (and entertaining) comments. One man described the stereotypical woman as "hiding under a man" and then the next panelist said "I am one of those women hiding under a man!" We also had the opportunity to publicly applaud jurist Laura Kriho for her pursuit of what used to be every juror's right.

Some said the highlight was the delightful Saturday evening happy hour (hosted by Bob Johnson) which we hope starts a new tradition. Kathy Romack (a terrific Libertarian from Walden, Colorado) entertained with wonderful songs and guitar music. Some even spotted Prince Charming in the wings!

Thank you for re-electing me and thanks to all of you who were elected to the board. I think this could be the best board we have ever had — all are knowledgeable, experienced and professional, not to mention very hard working.

Many more thanks to all of you who have supported the LP in many ways and have made our progress possible. We raised almost \$5,000 at this convention which we will use to increase our membership. Thanks to all of you who contributed! We are a volunteer organization working hard because of our principles. Because of your help in time and money, we have had a most successful year, and plan on an even better one ahead. Make that a truly awesome year!

In Liberty,
Sandra Johnson, Chair
Libertarian Party of Colorado

What's Next?

The "Half A Slate in '98" Project has a very high priority. This means finding 32 willing credible candidates to run for the Colorado House of Representative in 1998.

We are planning to improve our information systems for providing support to the candidates as well as to getting our message out for recruiting new members (data base, web site, processes).

We'd like as many of you as possible for assistants for the board, thus broadening the knowledge base and preparing others for future roles.

We plan to reach out to activists in non-libertarian organizations and introduce them to the LP. We plan to appeal to "Generation X," who are tired of government reaching ever deeper into their pockets and their lives. We plan to grow our membership dramatically by tapping into the deep undercurrent of frustration with government. With your help we can and will do this.

Sandra Johnson Selected to Serve on Forbes Park Board of Directors

Sandra Johnson, recently re-elected State Chairman of the Libertarian Party, has recently agreed to serve on her neighborhood board. This three member board controls a budget of over \$225,000. She is looking forward to this great opportunity to apply libertarian ideas to real life problems facing this private mountain community with hundreds of miles of private roads to maintain and plow, private trash service, and a secured entrance.



Convention notes:

Call your legislators and thank them for their vote on an issue where you agree. They will be very surprised, and will remember you! When you do call to request a particular vote, be specific, reasoned, focused and have a clear point: "Hello, I live in your district and I'm concerned about HB9999 because it makes government larger. Would you please vote against it? Would you let me know how it fared?" Remember that getting six calls on an issue is unusual for our Colorado legislators!

Calendar:

Deadline to be registered as a Libertarian to run for office in 1998 as a Libertarian: one year in advance (August 1997) of the primary election in '98.

June

- 4: Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the office (720 East 18th Ave., #309, Denver)
- 7-8: LP Garage Sale during the Denver People's Fair in the parking lot of the Libertarian Office. It should run from 9:00 until 5:00. BetteRose Smith will need some volunteers and some products to sell, so bring that stuff that's been sitting in your garage and call BetteRose at (970) 228-4456 to volunteer.
- 7-8: LP Booth at the Denver People's Fair. We still need volunteers. The fair will last from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be about 350,000 people attending the fair and you will get to talk about liberty and the LP to hundreds of them. Don't miss this opportunity to have fun, hone your communications skills, and advance our cause - all at once. If you want to participate in this exciting event, call Dave Aitken at 831-4334.

July

- 5: LP Annual Picnic to celebrate our 26th anniversary: Sat July 5, 1997 at 1:00 p.m. at the Eben G. Fine Park in Boulder. Call Chris Bogart to help at 303-449-6327.
- 27: Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the office (720 East 18th Ave., #309, Denver)

Johnson Chair for Second Term; Full Board Elected

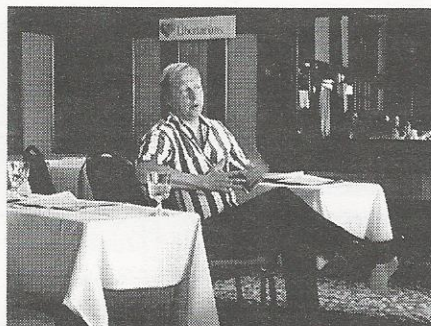
Sandra Johnson of Fort Garland was elected Chairman, defeating Boulder challengers Ron Bain and Nathan Schomer.

Newly elected were Outreach Director Dan Cochran; Legislative Director, Judd Ptak, and Treasurer David Bryant.

Deborah Bishop moved from Affiliates Director to Information Director. Earl Allen moved from Legislative Director to Publications Director.

Reelected were Campaigns Director Doug Anderson, Public Information Director Larry Hoffenberg, and Fundraising Director Bette Rose Smith.

The Board is now staffed with experienced and dedicated individuals. If you have an interest in the workings of the board or in helping grow our party at the state level, we would be delighted to have your help as an assistant "board member at large". Contact the chair for details.



Re-elected Campaigns Director Doug Anderson relaxing during a break in the convention held at the Stanley Hotel in Estes Park, now famous worldwide as the site for filming Stephen King's version of "The Shining."



Privacy expert J. Orlin Grabbe introducing the ideas behind digital cash during a Sunday morning presentation at the 1997 convention.

Join the Hemlock Society!

Change the laws to get government off our backs! Let doctors help terminally ill adults, who request it, to die with dignity!

CALL (303) 639-1202

or send e-mail to hemlock@privati.com

Colorado Liberty

Published monthly by the Libertarian Party of Colorado. Subscription is included in state party membership, which is extended to all those who register to vote as Libertarians, pay membership dues, or both. Paid subscriptions are \$6 per year. Make checks payable and send correspondence regarding subscriptions to:

Libertarian Party of Colorado
720 East 18th Ave. #309
Denver, CO 80203

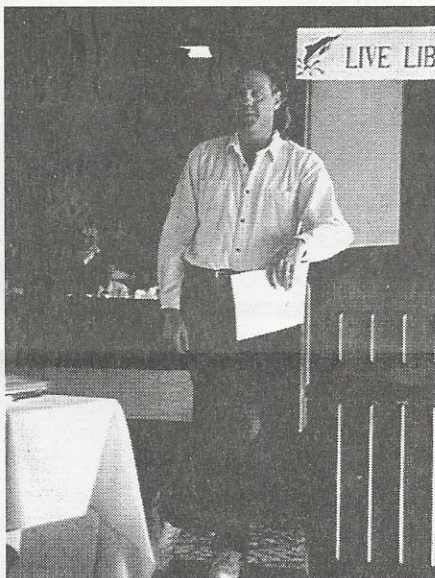
Sandra Johnson Chair and Publisher
W. Earl Allen Editor
Richard Combs Producer Emeritus
Ron Bain Editor Emeritus
Maralyn Mencarini Proofreading
Party Members Financing

Please send articles for publication to W. Earl Allen, who prefers email, since it keeps him from having to retype everything: wea@allmax.com is his email address. If email is not possible, please fax to 303 375 0780. In an emergency you can send articles via U.S. Postal Monopoly Snail Mail to the address mentioned above.

Imagine: A Participatory Convention

By Ron Bain, Boulder County LP
Publicity Director

Imagine a 1998 state Libertarian convention which maximizes the full membership's participation with increased physical attendance, electronic link-ups through an interactive web site, some sort of celebratory event like a concert or party, and record-setting numbers of votes for board officers and party nominees.



Public Information Director Larry Hoffenberg reports on the resounding publicity successes he's had during the past year.

For at least the past 10 years, the state convention has followed a pattern: 2.5 days in a hotel or convention center in a remote location with lots of lectures, speakers and meetings. On average, conventions have drawn 30 or 40 people, with maximum numbers of 75 to 100 for election year appearances by Harry Browne, Ron Paul and Russell Means.

An old adage says if you want to change the results you've been getting, change your methods and stop doing what you've always done.

After last year's convention, Bob Johnson, husband of state chair Sandra Johnson, suggested a fully electronic convention to be held in cyberspace. While I believe we must continue to have a physical convention site,

Libertarians ought to encourage a greater degree of participation through a simultaneous electronic convention.



Boston T. Party, otherwise known as Kenneth Royce, talks about how to live in a police state without being unduly hassled.

At the Estes Park convention, several folks suggested that we allow voting for board officers or political nominees by FAX, e-mail or proxy. Limited time didn't allow enactment of this bylaws change, but I propose considering this suggestion by the 1998 convention. We need increased participation in convention voting, because currently less than



Danny Hashimoto presents his method for voluntarily making non-contributions to the growth of Big Government.

one percent of the full membership makes decisions about board membership and nominations for public office. This is undemocratic, nonrepresentative and deserving of the cries of "elitism" which appeared in a Boulder newspaper after the Estes Park convention. Let's become proactively inclusive and give

our membership many opportunities to participate in party decisions.

I envision a one-day convention in the Denver/Boulder metro area, starting with a business meeting, board reports, nominations, and presentations by nominated candidates, followed by a respected speaker or a panel discussion. Then, a social hour with open bar, followed by a banquet-style meal with keynote speaker and finally board elections. Wrap the whole evening up



Kathy Romack sings for Lloyd during a break.

with a party or a concert by a rock-n-roll or country band.

With a format like this, the convention might draw a crowd of several hundred. With the addition of an electronic location, we might get as much as half of our membership to log on long enough to vote and send their opinions.

I understand that BetteRose Smith and Carol Hill are making tentative plans for a 1998 convention in or near the metro area. I endorse this plan, but hope that the result is a one-day or at most a one-and-a-half day convention. Most people, even dedicated Libertarians, cannot devote an entire weekend to conventioning.

I'm willing to work with Caroland BetteRose and others who agree these are good ideas for our next convention. Contact me at (303) 443-9179.

If It Has To Do With The Written Word, You Need...

A WAY WITH WORDS

Ron Bain, Professional Résumé Writer
Free Consultation. 10% off to Libertarians.

Boulder
(303) 443-9179

Denver
(303) 620-9760

Courthouse Searches—A New Way to Get Rid of Libertarian Voters??

by Patrick L. Lilly

The prosecution and conviction of Laura Kriho this year points up one very serious threat to the Libertarian movement. If the government can succeed in eliminating all who disagree with existing government policy from juries, then the jury system will be eliminated as a check on the ever-growing power of government. This is clearly what they intend.

Now another, perhaps even more fundamental threat may be looming: an attack on our right to vote. Incredible as that may sound, the government is already moving — indeed, has *already* moved — to attach conditions to your right to be a registered voter at which many Libertarians may well balk. Yours truly certainly does.

By instituting metal detector searches of everyone entering court buildings (a practice which so far goes almost completely unchallenged), the government has created for itself the "right" to subject a huge percentage of the population to warrantless searches. This includes, specifically, people called for jury duty. And since registered voters constitute the vast majority of prospective jurors, this means that *the government is now requiring periodic, warrantless searches as a condition of being registered to vote.*

I know. It's happening to me as this is written. This is very much like the case of the Georgia LP candidates for office, who were required to take drug tests just to appear on the ballot — an obvious attempt to purge candidates who are opposed to drug prohibition. But unlike the Georgia candidates, who chose to swallow their personal pride and submit to the drug tests in order to preserve their places on the ballot, I have chosen to resist.

When courthouse searches were begun in Colorado Springs nine years ago, I voluntarily quit trying to enter the court building. I shouldn't have

had to do that, but I was willing to do so, given the circumstances. I am *not*, however, willing to give up my right to vote.

When I was summoned for jury duty this March, I wrote to the jury commissioner in advance, saying that I would be glad to show up on the date specified, but that I would not consent to a metal detector (or any other) search. Naturally, when I did in fact show up, the armed guards at the door refused me entry. As a result, the supervising judge, David Parrish, has now served me with a "show cause" order, claiming that I "failed to appear" and discharge my "obligation" to serve on a jury. He ordered me to return to the very same court building on the 23rd of April, where he knew full well that I would not be admitted unless I agreed to waive my Fourth Amendment right to be free of warrantless searches. He threatened to issue a bench warrant for my arrest if I didn't "appear." And he has already said, in written response to my original letter, that showing up at the court building door and making a good faith attempt to enter unmo- lested isn't good enough for him.

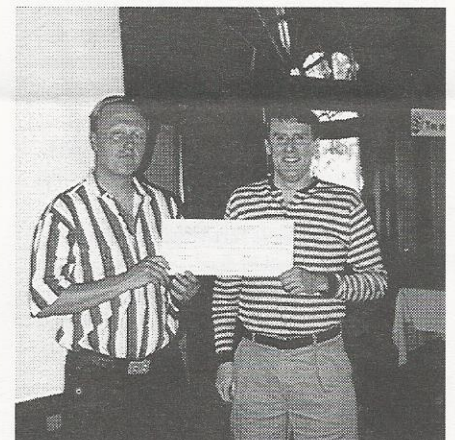
I've sent copies of all his correspondence, and my responses, to the local news media seeking coverage, but so far no one has shown any interest. I am hoping that this is an issue of some interest to all other Libertarians in the state. I want to focus enough public attention on what is going on to enable me to go on resisting his orders to put up with being searched, without having to be arbitrarily thrown in jail in order to get the (probably fruitless) chance to present my objections in court.

Don't overlook the "slippery slope" aspect of this issue. Today, it's "only" metal detector searches. But as the government's search mania fails to put an end to bombings, shootings, and other forms of retaliation against government officials (some of it, no doubt, very understandable!), it is surely only a matter of time before more intrusive searches are instituted. And you can be sure that when that happens, the government courts will summarily rule that whatever kind of searches are instituted (strip searches, urine tests, you name it ...) are "reasonable," and, therefore, somehow not a violation of our Constitu-

tionally-guaranteed rights. As always, the only way to break such a cycle is to challenge the fundamentals early, instead of late. That is what I am attempting to do.

Accordingly, this is a shamelessly self-interested appeal for support of this case by all lovers of liberty in Colorado. Contacting your local news media may help. Contacting legislators may help. Contacting Judge Parrish may help. His official address is 20 E. Vermijo St. (Room 408), Colo. Spgs., CO 80903. And let me know what you think. My phone number is (719) 520-5951 and my e-mail address is <pllilly@rmi.net>.

If the government succeeds in this, we are all going to be marched in periodically to be searched on the pretext of jury duty, only to be kicked off the jury panel (or prosecuted, as Laura Kriho was), as a continuing condition of remaining registered voters, despite our libertarian principles. Does that sound like a future you want to live in?



\$1,000 Adopt-a-Precinct Prizes Awarded

The two winners (in a tie) were Chuck Wright of Louisville (pictured at right above, with Doug Anderson), and Patrick Lilly of Colorado Springs. They were given giant copies of their checks thanks to Cooper Jager's thoughtfulness. Chuck promptly gave his check back to the Half a Slate in '98 program.

Late breaking news! Patrick Lilly has decided to give \$350 to the LP and to buy two LP memberships. Thank you Patrick!

Conventioners Amend Constitution and By-laws

By David Bryant, Treasurer, Libertarian Party of Colorado

The first business meeting of the 1997 Convention of the Libertarian Party of Colorado was held at 8:00 am on Saturday, April 19 in Estes Park. After hearing reports from the 1996 Board members, the assembled delegates considered a series of proposed changes to our Constitution and By-laws. The following four changes were adopted without much dissent:

1) The old position of Membership Director was replaced with a new position, to be known as Outreach Director. Because of the unified state/national membership program, it seemed that the duties of this position were better described by the new title. The newly created Outreach Director is now responsible for liaison with the Party's chartered affiliates.

2) The old position of Affiliates Director was replaced with a new position known as Information Director. This position is now responsible for maintaining our mailing list, and for keeping all the equipment in the office in good shape.

3) The phrase "in the U.S. Congress" was deleted from the description of the Legislative Director's duties. Since we're a state party, the consensus was that we should restrict our official attention to Colorado legislation.

4) The secretarial function was moved from the Campaigns Director's duties so that it now falls within the new Information Director's bailiwick.

One additional change was made, but only after a long discussion. The change as adopted was to add responsibility for a World Wide Web site to the list of the Publications Director's duties. A motion to *require* the *monthly* distribution of the newsletter was defeated; the consensus was that our budget is still too shaky for us to *require* the regular expenditure of funds, and that decisions like this one are best left to the Board's discretion.

Two other suggested changes were brought forward, but neither was put to a vote. Instead, the sense of the

Convention was that these items should be referred to next year's Constitution and By-laws Committee because both of these changes are substantial.

The first proposal was to alter the rules on elections to allow voting by mail, by E-mail, or by proxy. While this might be desirable, it cannot be done without making major changes to the existing rules.

The second proposal was to limit the Board's power to go into debt. Although the delegates were in favor of balancing our budget, they were also practical enough to see that such a limitation should be carefully worded to avoid unintended ramifications.

Our By-laws provide for a Committee to report on suggested changes to our rules at each Convention. Lately, there has been a dearth of volunteers for that Committee. If you would like to help make our By-laws better, please contact any member of the Board. And if you want to obtain a copy of the Constitution and By-laws, feel free to contact David Bryant at 303-744-6577 (or e-mail him at davidbryant@worldnet.att.net).

Judd Ptak's Legislative Notes

At the annual Libertarian Party of Colorado April 18-20, I was drafted to be Legislative Director. While I try to start a business for which I should have two or three college degrees (none of which I have) my time is tight. But I do need to get my political fix, and I was planning to make my project for the next year to get a Fully Informed Jury Act (FIJA) introduced into (and, I hope, through) the State Legislature in the 1998 session. Since the Legislative Director should focus on one or two bills, I accepted the position with the understanding that I would concentrate on the FIJA bill.

I think this makes sense for a few reasons. First, in the wake of the Laura Kriho case, the time is right. Her appeal will likely still be in progress next session, or recently decided. Since several legislators got interested once the sentence was announced (but too late for this session, since none of them had the clout to swing late bill status), we have a good

chance of forming a bipartisan coalition. Secondly, fully informed juries can protect several rights, from freedom of speech, to gun rights, to property rights, to helping end the so-called Drug War. This does not make FIJA a "Silver Bullet" (to borrow Michael Cloud's metaphor), but it does make it a larger than average piece of "Silver Buckshot". Thirdly, it is an issue which I am interested in, so I will work harder on it than things which do not excite me.

Even if it doesn't pass, educating people that they do in fact have the right to judge both the facts and the law when they serve on a jury is really all we need to do. The publicity we'll get from a FIJA bill will go a long way toward that goal.

As time permits, I will work on other bills as well. To do any of these right, I'll need help from everyone who can. The good news is that the volume of calls to State Legislators on most issues is very low. Even on controversial bills, they often get only a dozen calls or letters. On many bills they get no feedback at all. There are stories of bills being decided because one key legislator got one call or letter with a sound reason for supporting or opposing the bill. If we can identify those swing votes, and Libertarians who live in their district, we can have an effect.

Unfortunately, the voter registration list we get isn't much help. So if you want the Libertarian Party of Colorado to be more effective at lobbying the Legislature, I need your help. Send me your name, address, phone#, E-mail address, and the name of your State Senator & State Representative (or district #s). Also include topics you're especially interested in, and any areas you have special knowledge of. With that information, I can call the people who live in key legislators districts, and/or who have the interest to write a good letter or testify about the topic. Send this to:

Chester (Judd) A. Ptak
P.O. Box 663
Nederland, CO. 80466-0663
(303) 258-3457
Judd.Ptak@kr-bbs.com

Phone, mail or E-mail will work fine, but I do not have fax capability.

HB 1168 Dead for 1997

By David Aitken

House Bill 1168 died a horrible death on May 7th, 1997. The bill, which would have made it easier, much easier, for third parties to get candidates on the ballot, was heavily amended in the Colorado Senate by Sen. Joan Johnson (D-Adams County). Her amendment eliminated the caucus system and required Democrats and Republicans to get on the primary ballot by petition. This was legal under the General Assembly single subject rule because the bill title was "Nomination of Political Candidates." A more restrictive title would have prevented the amendment.

The bill was passed by the Senate on the last day of the session and the Senate was adamant about keeping Johnson's amendments in the bill. Republican Representative Penn Pfiffner, chairman of the conference committee, convened to resolve differences between the House and Senate versions. He pointed out that the House had held no hearings on Senator Johnson's amendment and there was little chance of passage without them, so the bill died both because of the disagreements and the lack of time to resolve them.

HB1168 would have been a major improvement in Colorado ballot access laws for third parties. The bill created minor political parties and allowed them to nominate their candidates without individual petitioning if they met any one of several criteria: 1) circulating a petition for 10,000 signatures of registered voters authorizing the party to nominate

according to the party's constitution and bylaws; 2) running a candidate that received 5 percent in a statewide vote; 3) having 1,000 or more registered voters affiliated with the party (the LP of Colorado already meets this one with more than 2,600); or 4) running 10 or more candidates for partisan office.

It is quite possible that the bill will return next year in a similar form. Pfiffner suggested we find a Senate sponsor to start it since most of the problems seem to come from that side. Anyone who has a state senator who might be amenable is urged to contact either Judd Ptak, our Legislative Director, or David Aitken, 303-831-4334.

Rational Feminists to Meet In Boulder

The First Annual Rational Feminist Conference and will be in Boulder on June 6-7. For more info on the event, contact Carla Selby at 303-447-1429 or Bela Schreiber at 303-444-5368. The e-mail address is cfirockies@aol.com.

Petition Carriers Needed For Tax Cut Petition

You can petition as a volunteer, or get paid, or donate the amount you would have earned to the Libertarian Party. If you are willing to collect at least 100 signatures (takes about 5 hours) to get a tax cut initiative on the ballot in 1998, and you are a registered voter with a stable address please contact: Jeff Wright, 2922 Westwood Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80918. Telephone: 719-598-9241. As a fundraiser we could earn around \$20,000 if we can get 40,000 signatures.

Federal law creates a tempest in a toilet bowl, charge Libertarians

WASHINGTON, DC — Angry about politicians in your bedroom? Don't look now, but they're in your toilet, too, the Libertarian Party says — and you shouldn't have to take that sitting down.

The latest government intrusion comes from Energy Department bureaucrats who mandated smaller-capacity toilet tanks starting in 1994. The smaller tanks caused a flood of complaints about backed-up toilets and spurred a booming black market in the old-style toilets — so now Congress is considering legislation to repeal the law.

"Politicians who claim the era of big government is over are busy regulating the volume of water in our toilets," said Steve Dasbach, Libertarian Party national chairman. "Talk about being bowled over by government intervention!"

As part of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, which took effect in 1994, Congress outlawed toilet tanks with the standard 3.5 gallon capacity and mandated that 1.6 gallon tanks be installed in all new homes. A bill sponsored by Rep. Joe Knollenberg (R-MI) would repeal that law and give control over toilet tanks to state and local politicians.

"Knollenberg is a perfect example of a so-called small-government Republican," Dasbach said. "He doesn't want to make a federal issue out of your bathroom bowl; he wants to turn it over to state and local toilet tyrants. But regardless of which politicians meddle with our lives, they cause far more problems than they solve."

In the case of the War on 3.5-Gallon Toilet Tanks, politicians have created yet another class of government-mandated winners and losers, said Dasbach. The losers:

- Consumers: They are stuck with a product that many of them hate, and can be fined \$2,500 if they try to buy an old-style toilet that actually works.

(continued next page)

BROKEN APPLIANCE?

**CALL CJ's DISCOUNT
APPLIANCE SERVICE
(303) 825-4924**

**16 YEARS EXPERIENCE
SPECIAL RATES FOR LIBERTARIANS**

- The environment: Thanks to the law of unintended consequences, homeowners may actually waste more water than they save because they have to flush the new toilets multiple times to make them work properly.

- The bathroom fixtures industry: It was forced to spend millions of dollars retooling factories to accommodate the new law. Now, if the mandate is repealed, it will have to retool again to meet consumer demand for the larger tanks.

The winners?

- A new class of criminals: Black-market toilet bootleggers who stand to make big profits by selling a product that consumers demand.
- Politicians: They get to pose as friends of the environment, even if they end up wasting resources instead of preserving them.

But doesn't the government have a role to play in preserving water?

"The private market has a built-in mechanism for protecting scarce resources: price," Dasbach said. "If something is genuinely scarce, the price rises and consumers use less of it. Politicians don't have divine knowledge about which resources are scarce. All they have is the power to coerce Americans to do what suits them politically.

"The Constitution talks about the need to create a more perfect union. Politicians have interpreted this to mean that they have the power to mandate a more perfect flush," Dasbach said. "When it comes to imposing mindless, meddlesome regulations, what will it take to get politicians to put a lid on it?"

-- Libertarian Party Press Release

The 'Hunter's Auxiliary' of the Grand Old Party

By Vin Suprynowicz

I received a solicitation for funds from the National Rifle Association last week.

NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre says he wants my help "to make sure the Red Chinese agents that may have infiltrated the Clinton Administration, and any Americans who gave them 'aid and comfort,' are brought to justice!"

Mr. LaPierre cites "the apparent use of campaign contributions to buy White House access for Communist Chinese officials — including a Chinese arms dealer whose company tried to sell 'machine guns' to American street gangs. ..."

Seven more pages detail how the owner of a Little Rock Chinese restaurant brought with him to the White House Wang Jun, the "Communist Chinese arms dealer (who) ran Poly Technologies — a front for the Chinese Red Army. His company was caught trying to smuggle a shipload of fully automatic Chinese AK-47s into the U.S. for direct sale to Los Angeles street gangs."

Along with a "Here's my check" card, I'm supposed to sign and forward postcards calling for an independent counsel, considerably pre-addressed to my two U.S. senators and to "The Honorable Janet Reno, Attorney General of the United States."

(I'm trying to recall the last time I heard a gun-rights proponent refer to the Baby-Killer of Waco as "The Honorable.")

Let's be clear: If the Clinton White House knowingly allowed funds to be collected from blood-stained Chinese Communists (I haven't forgotten Tibet, let alone Tiananmen) hoping to influence our elections and our foreign policy, then Bill Clinton should indeed be impeached by the House and — if convicted of treason by the Senate — probably hanged.

Even if the evidence does not reach that threshold, the sheer hypocrisy of an administration

accepting funds from "arms merchants" while busily blathering about jailing peaceful civilians who dare try to defend themselves with "any bullet that can slice through a bullet-proof vest" (which is to say, all hunting ammunition) is indeed hideous in its own right, and none of these bunko steerers should ever again be allowed to eat dinner in the front room of any decent American home.

But, all that said, there would be something extremely weird about this mailing, if we didn't already understand that the National Rifle Association is in fact only the "hunter's auxiliary" of the Republican Party, and the largest gun control organization in America.

Look at those recurring references to arms merchants "trying to smuggle" weapons into this country.

Under the wise Supreme Court precedent known as *Marbury vs. Madison*, we know that any pretended statute which offends, insults, or violates the Constitution and the Bill of Rights is null and void.

Any attempt to restrict Americans from importing any weapon infringes my right to keep and bear arms, by making such weapons less available and more expensive. Therefore, no such laws can have any validity, and no judge who cares about his or her immortal soul would dare enforce them.

There can be no such crime as "smuggling arms into the United States," and anyone who pretends to defend the Second Amendment should be the first to say so.

Even worse is that added non sequitur about selling the guns "to street gangs."

This is the modern euphemism for selling weapons to young men of color — "uppity negroes," as the more forthright racists of earlier generations might have said.

The hidden code language of gun control has always played on racist fears of the armed African-American. Ever hear a gun-grabber sneer about "cheap Saturday night specials?" Did you realize that term describes the inexpensive weapons most favored by law-abiding black folk who live in neighborhoods where "police protection" has been an oxymoron for

(continued next page)

decades —and that the phrase derives from the racist term "Niggertown Saturday Night"?

What are such racist code-phrases doing in a letter from a fellow who claims to champion the cause of our gun liberties? Does the "right to keep and bear arms" apply only to middle-class white hunters and target-shooters?

Not in my book. I want to see every young black man in America armed with a fully-automatic weapon, no stinking permit required.

Then we'll arm the girls. And *then* we can start to talk about "mutual respect between the races" in America.

This NRA mailing, I submit, is nothing more than further proof that —given a choice between the two — the NRA will always promote a partisan Republican agenda, over a straightforward Second Amendment agenda.

When there's the whole package of proposed "Moynihan ammo bans" to contend with, why divert the energies of the gun rights movement into a Quixotic quest to replace Bill Clinton in the White House with Al Gore, or even Trent Lott or Newt Gingrich? What good would that do? Does anyone really believe any of these professional wafflers would close down the ATF on his second day in office ... or on his 200th?

Vin Suprynowicz is the assistant editorial page editor of the Las Vegas Review-Journal. Readers may contact him via e-mail at vin@lvj.com. The web site for the Suprynowicz column is at <http://www.nguworld.com/vindex/>



Honorary libertarian Laura Kriho accepting the standing ovation convention attendees gave her during the banquet on Saturday night for her courageous stand on jury rights.

Put Your Business On the Internet!

Your next store can be open for business 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for as little as \$300 plus maintenance. You'll be in front of 20,000 potential customers every day in the iMall, one of the nation's largest Internet shopping malls.

Why be on-line? Sales Leads, Customer Service, Market Research, Coupon Dispensing, and Public Relations help cut costs and build your business!

Custom Web Sites
Mini Sites
Classified Ads
Web Site Registration
Web Site Links
Headline Testing Service

Gilt-Edge Software
A Libertarian-Owned Business
(303) 861-3031

10% discount to Libertarian Party members. Call today for free information! Send e-mail to daitken@tde.com, or visit our web site at <http://www/tde.com/gesipd.htm>

The Lord said to Noah, "There's gonna be a flood....."

And the Lord spoke to Noah and said: "In six months I'm going to make it rain until the whole earth is covered with water and all the evil people are destroyed. But I want to save a few good people, and two of every kind of living thing on the planet. I am ordering you to build Me an Ark," said the Lord.

And in a flash of lightning He delivered the specifications for an Ark. "OK," said Noah, trembling in fear and fumbling with the blueprints.

"Six months, and it starts to rain" thundered the Lord. "You'd better have my Ark completed, or learn how to swim for a very long time."

And six months passed.

The skies began to cloud up and rain began to fall. The Lord saw that Noah was sitting in his front yard, weeping. And there was no Ark.

"Noah," shouted the Lord, "where is my Ark?" A lightning bolt crashed into the ground next to Noah for emphasis.

"Lord, please forgive me," begged Noah. "I did my best. But there were big problems. First I had to get a building permit for the Ark construction project, and your plans didn't meet Code. So I had to hire an engineer to redraw the plans. Then I got into a big fight over whether or not the Ark needed a fire sprinkler system. My neighbors objected, claiming I was violating zoning by building the Ark in my front yard, so I had to get a variance from the city planning commission. Then I had a big problem getting enough wood for the Ark because there was a ban on cutting trees to save the Spotted Owl. I had to convince U.S. Fish & Wildlife

that I needed the wood to save the Owls. But they wouldn't let me catch any owls. So, no owls. Then the carpenters formed a union and went out on strike. I had to negotiate a settlement with the National Labor Relations Board before anyone would pick up a saw or a hammer. Now we've got 16 carpenters going on the boat, and still no owls.

"Then I started gathering up the animals, and got sued by an animal rights group. They objected to me taking only two of each kind. Just when I got the suit dismissed, EPA notified me that I couldn't complete the Ark without filing an environmental impact statement on your proposed Flood. They didn't take kindly to the idea that they had no jurisdiction over the conduct of a Supreme Being. The Army Corps of Engineers wanted a map of the proposed new flood plain. I sent them a globe.

"Right now I'm still trying to resolve a complaint from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission over how many Croatians I'm supposed to hire, the IRS has seized all my assets claiming I'm trying to avoid paying taxes by leaving the country, and I just got a notice from the state about owing some kind of use tax.

"I really don't think I can finish your Ark for at least another five years," Noah wailed.

The sky began to clear. The sun began to shine. A rainbow arched across the sky. Noah looked up and smiled. "You mean you're not going to destroy the earth?" Noah asked, hopefully.

"Wrong!" thundered the Lord. "But being Lord of the Universe has its advantages. I fully intend to smite the Earth, but with something far worse than a Flood. Something Man invented himself."

"What's that?" asked Noah.

There was a long pause, and then the Lord spaketh his Last Word: "Government."



A jubilant Mary Margaret, convention coordinator, enjoys a good joke at the 1997 Libertarian Party of Colorado convention in Estes Park.

QUALITY PRESS Books Books Books Books

Perfect Bound – 3 Ring
– Saddle Stitched
Publications – Manuals
1,000 to 20,000

Web Printing
8.5X11 & 11X17

Many papers to choose from
3964 South Mariposa,
Englewood
761-2160

Libertarian Party – US

National HQ (202) 333-0008
2600 Virginia Ave. NW, #100, Washington DC 20037

National Chair

Steve Dasbach (219) 432-7145
4523 Morning Wind Pl., Ft. Wayne IN 46804

LNC Regional Representative

Christie M. Gardinier (301) 739-5097
13403 Paramount Street, Hagerstown MD 21742

New Member Info 1-800-682-1776

LP Nat'l Newsline 1-900-4Libert

\$1.95/minute (454-2378)

Election results, Congress Watch, LP news

Libertarian Party of Colorado

State LP Office (303) 837-9393

Toll-Free Info 1-800-211-5214

720 E. 18th Ave. #309, Denver CO 80203

State Chair

Sandra Johnson (719) 379-2767

HCR 68 Box 51, Fort Garland CO 81133

E-mail: sdj@rmii.com

Information Director

Deborah Bishop (303) 988-6827

380 S. Quail St., Lakewood CO 80226

E-mail: bishopde@rmii.com

Campaigns Director

Doug Anderson (303) 698-2651

531 Washington, #1, Denver CO 80203

Fund-raising Director

BetteRose Smith (970) 228-4456

Route 2, Box 87, Merino CO 80741

Pager: (303) 266-6118

E-mail: betterrose@aol.com

Publications Director

Earl Allen (303) 254-4978

P.O. Box 33187, Northglenn CO 80233

E-mail: wea@allmax.com

Public Information Director

Larry Hoffenberg (303) 741-8688

or (303) 397-7745

5555 E. Briarwood Ave., #1108, Littleton CO 80112

E-mail: LarryHoff@worldnet.att.net fax (303) 741-8688

Treasurer

David Bryant (303) 744-6577

520 South Corona Street, Denver, Colorado 80209-4404

E-mail: davidbryant@worldnet.att.net

Legislative Director

Chester (Judd) Ptak (303) 258-3457

P.O. Box 663, Nederland, CO 80466-0663

E-mail: Judd.Ptak@kr-bbs.com

Local Organizations

Adams County Libertarians

Earl Allen (303) 254-4978

P.O. Box 33187, Northglenn CO 80233

E-mail: wea@allmax.com

http://www.allmax.com/wea/

Arapaho County Libertarians

Rick Shaw (303) 771-1920

P.O. Box 1141, Parker CO 80221

E-mail: shaw.rick@tcinc.com

Aspen "The Liberty Coalition"

Tom Peckham (970) 925-6027

P.O. Box 9766, Aspen CO 81612

Aurora Libertarians

Doug Newman (303) 369-3809

999 S. Carson Ct., #203, Aurora CO 80012

E-mail: dougnewman@juno.com

http://www.geocities.com/capitolhill/7093

Boulder County LP

Chris Bogart (303) 449-6327

3300 Madison Avenue #3, Boulder CO 80303

E-mail: cbogart@quetzal.com

Denver Libertarians

David Aitken (303) 831-4334

1240 Ogden #4, Denver, CO 80218

E-mail: david.aitken@kr-bbs.com

El Paso County LP

Jeff Wright (719) 598-9241

PO Box 36000-207, Colo. Springs CO 80936-3600

Fort Collins "Freedom Now"

Mary Margaret Glennie (970) 484-8184

1317 Lakewood Dr., Fort Collins CO 80521

Fremont County LP

Philip C. Freytag (719) 275-3115

750 Cone Ave., Cañon City CO 81212

Jefferson County LP

Jerry Hatch (303) 421-3675

7030 Saulsbury Street, Arvada CO 80003

E-mail: goonan@usgs.gov

Lake County Libertarians

Carol Stuckey Hill (719) 486-3130

424 E. 11th, Leadville CO 80461

Libertarian Homeschoolers

Bob Hogan (303) 978-9803

38 Blue Sage, Littleton CO 80123

Northeast Colorado Libertarians

Bette Rose Smith (970) 228-4456

Route 2, Box 87, Merino CO 80741

E-mail: betterrose@aol.com

Park County / 285 Corridor LP

Marla Huizinga (303) 838-4152

P.O. Box 637, Bailey CO 80421

Pueblo County Libertarians

Ed Trivett (719) 545-1913

207 Bonnymede, Pueblo CO 81001

Routt County "Common Sense Club"

Robert Jahelka (970) 879-4127

P.O. Box 881987, Steamboat Springs CO 80488

San Luis Valley Libertarians

Robert Johnson (719) 379-2767

HCR 68 Box 51, Fort Garland CO 81133

E-mail: sdj@rmii.com

Southwestern Colorado Libertarians

Bill Zimsky (970) 385-5107

P.O. Box 3005, Durango CO 81302

FAX: (970) 385-5226

Summit County Libertarians

John Sabal (970) 262-6369

P.O. Box 958, Frisco CO 80443

Western Colorado Libertarians

Brent Shroyer 970-675-2337

PO Box 292, Rangely CO 81648

Campus Organizations

Adams State College Libertarians

Cate Varhely (719) 589-6880

523 Bell Court, Alamosa CO 81101

CSU Campus Libertarians

Bruce Lockhart (303) 223-7504

2500 E. Harmony Rd. #71, Ft. Collins CO 80525

Red Rocks Community College Libertarians

Doug Turner (303) 278-3027

1460 Kendrick St., Golden CO 80401

UCCS Campus Libertarians

Robert Cramer (719) 637-8078

University of Southern Colorado Libertarians

Ed Trivett (719) 545-1913

207 Bonnymede, Pueblo CO 81001

Candidate Recruiters

U.S. Congressional District 1

David Segal (303) 296-4059

2943 Vine Street, Denver CO 80205

U.S. Congressional District 2

Vacant and available; to volunteer, contact Doug Anderson at (303) 698-2651.

U.S. Congressional District 3

Carol Stuckey Hill (719) 486-3130

424 East 11th, Leadville CO 80461

U.S. Congressional District 4

Randy Fitzgerald (719) 223-6025

413 Skysail Lane, Fort Collins CO 80525

U.S. Congressional District 5

Kirsten Parry (719) 447-0646

2610 E. Fountain Blvd. #119, Colo. Springs CO 80910

U.S. Congressional District 6

Bob Hogan (303) 978-9803

38 Blue Sage, Littleton CO 80123

If your area (or campus) doesn't have a local contact and you'd consider being one, please contact Affiliates Director Deb Bishop. A local area can be anything that makes sense. It does not have to be a county.

MOVING?

Please send us your current mailing label and your new address well beforehand! Forwarding and return postage costs are a significant drain on our strained resources that we can no longer afford to pay.

Thanks!

☐ Start or ☐ Renew Your LP Membership Today!

Use this form to begin or extend your **unified** (national and state) LP membership. Send it to:
Libertarian Party, Watergate Office Building, 2600 Virginia Ave. NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20037

Name: _____ Employer: _____

Address: _____ Occupation: _____

City, State, ZIP _____ E-mail address: _____

Phone: (Day) _____ (Eve) _____ (Fax) _____

Renewals: please provide your LPUS Membership ID# (from your *LP News* mailing label)

Government-mandated notice: The Federal Election Commission requires political committees to report the name, mailing address, occupation, and name of employer of each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in a calendar year. The IRS requires us to print "contributions are not tax-deductible" on all fund-raising appeals.

Check one: ☐ \$1000 ☐ or \$100/month Life Benefactor ☐ **I am joining the LPUS monthly Liberty Pledge program in the amount indicated to the left. The *Liberty Pledge News* will be sent each month.**
☐ \$500 ☐ or \$50/month Patron
☐ \$250 ☐ or \$25/month Sponsor
☐ \$100 ☐ or \$10/month Sustaining ☐ Please send me a reminder notice each month
☐ \$25 Subscribing ☐ Please charge my credit card (number below)
☐ Send me information on automatic checking withdrawal

Payment method: ☐ Check / money order payable to Libertarian Party
☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard Expiration Date _____

Account # _____ Signature _____

Note: All Colorado residents joining the national Libertarian Party (LPUS) automatically receive a dues-paid membership in the Libertarian Party of Colorado. LPUS members must sign the membership pledge below.

I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals.

Signature _____ Date _____

What does the above pledge mean? We ask our members to disavow the *initiation* of force. This does not mean that you cannot defend yourself; you *do* have a right to defend your life, liberty, and property. It means that you cannot use the coercive power of government to forcibly achieve your personal, ethical, or religious goals. This commitment helps us maintain our principles and provides us with a measuring stick to determine if we have strayed from our common goal: a society where all relationships among persons are based on voluntary cooperation.

Your Colorado Liberty is mailed First Class if you are a dues-paying member or subscriber.

Libertarian Party of Colorado

720 East 18th Avenue, #309

Denver, CO 80203

Phone: 303-837-9393 or 800-211-5214

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Non-Profit Organization

U.S. Postage

PAID

Permit No. 675

Denver, CO